Payment of P.F. Arrears

353. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of arrears due from employrs shere of contribution remaining unpaid, in respect of different sectors of industry and trade as on 1st July, 1994 and the comparative figures as on 1st April of the years 1994, 1993 and 1992;

(b) what steps are being taken to ensure clearance of arrears; and

(c) what steps are being taken to amend the law suitably to ensure smooth clearance of these dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The requisite information as on 1.7.94 is not available. However the total amount of EPF arrears in respect of the unexempted establishmeats during the last 3 years was as given below:

As on	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1st April, 1992 . . .	259.47
1st April, 1993 . . .	267.41
1st April, 1994 . . .	365.79

The information about the employers' share of dues is not maintained separately.

(b) and (c) The existing legal and panel provisions of the EPF & MP Act are considered presently adequate to ensure recovery of the outstanding dues. Necessary action under Sections 7A, 8B & 14 is being taken by the EPF authorities accordingly.

Wage Board for journalists

354. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joint Action Committee for Wage Board of Journalists has recently submitted a memorandum to Government demanding an upward revision in the pay scales of Working Journalists and declaration of 50 per cent of the wages and salaries as inttrim relief; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have decided to set pune Wage Boards for Working Journalists and Non-Journalist Newspaper employees for revision of wages etc.

Unorganised labour in various fields

355. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans of Government for the unorganised labour sector in various fields;

(b) whether there would be a uniform law pertaining to labour, wages, social schemes and employment etc. for them;